

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) An information retrieval service system comprising:
an information retrieval site connected to the Internet ~~including, said information retrieval~~
site comprising:
a retrieval server, and
a retrieval database communicably linked to said retrieval server, wherein
said retrieval server of said information retrieval site is ~~operative to fetch~~ configured to
retrieve from a plurality of information providing sites data representing details of services
respectively provided by a plurality of said information providing sites ~~therefrom so as to store,~~
store the data retrieved from said information providing sites in said retrieval database, ~~and is~~
~~operative to retrieve~~ from said retrieval database data corresponding to information-retrieval
input information, ~~which is inputted~~ received by said information retrieval site from an
information terminal, ~~from said retrieval database according to the inputted information, and~~
transmit said data retrieved from said retrieval database to said information terminal so as to
cause a monitor of said information terminal to display said data ~~read by the retrieval~~ retrieved
from said retrieval database.

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2. (Currently Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein
said retrieval server ~~fetches~~ is configured to retrieve from said information providing sites
said data representing details of services, ~~which are~~ respectively provided by ~~the plurality of said~~
information providing sites, ~~therefrom~~ by periodically accessing ~~the plurality of said~~ information
providing sites.

3. (Currently Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein
said data retrieved from said retrieval database includes a hyperlink indicating an Internet
address of the information providing site providing the data and which is embedded in a data
image that is displayed on said monitor of said information terminal ~~by the retrieval performed~~
~~by said retrieval server.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein
said information retrieval site ~~includes~~ further comprises a user registration database ~~for~~
~~storing~~ configured to store a profile of a ~~preliminarily registered~~ user, and
said retrieval server ~~retrieves~~ is configured to retrieve the data, ~~which corresponds~~
corresponding to the information-retrieval input information, according to a the profile of a the
user, which is read from said user registration database.